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Docket No. 255.00040101

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Applicant(s): Sheridan et al.	)	Group Art Unit:	1646	
Serial No.:	09/727,739	)	Examiner:	Ruixiang Li
Confirmation No.:	4181	)		
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For:	<u>SOMATOSTATINS AND METHODS</u>			

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Dear Sir:

The Final Office Action mailed February 4, 2004, has been received and carefully reviewed. Entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompany remarks, is respectfully requested. It is submitted that the following amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."